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SUBJECT: POPE'S APPEAL FOR LIBERATION OF FOR MIN OF EL SALVADOR

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1. DURING ADDRESS AT A BEAUTIFICATION CEREMONY MAY 8, POPE PAUL MADE URGENT PUBLIC APPEAL FOR THE RELEASE OF FORMIN OF EL SALVADOR WHO WAS KIDNAPPED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: TIMING OF POPE PAUL'S DIRECT HUMANITARIAN APPEAL MAY BE RELATED TO (1) RECENT INCIDENT INVOLVING ARREST MAY 1 OF JESUIT IN EL SALVADOR, (2) THE ACCUSATION THAT JESUITS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABDUCTION OF FORMIN, AND (3) THE VATICAN'S FEAR OF POSSIBLE RETALIATION AGAINST CLERGY. RADIO VATICANO ON MAY 4 PROVIDED COMMENTARY ON INCIDENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POINTING OUT THAT THE JESUIT HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON FALSE CHARGES AND THAT THE GOE HAD NOT PERMITTED THE ARCHBISHOP TO VISIT THE PRISONER. COMMENTARY ALSO MENTIONED ACCUSATION BY SOME GROUPS THAT JESUITS HAD ABDUCTED FORMIN AND THREAT THAT IF MINISTER WERE KILLED, "THERE WOULD BE REPRISALS ON THE JESUITS AND OTHER

MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY." END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.GARDNER

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